GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MARKET INTERVENTION OPERATION FOR REDGRAM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has expressed concern over the prevailing market situation in regard to the redgram crop;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that against the minimum support price of Rs.1,200 per quintal the prices in the important market are Rs.1000 or 1100 per quintal;

(d) if so, whether Andhra Pradesh has requested to instruct the NAFED to commence market intervention operation for redgram; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. Andhra Pradesh Government has expressed that the price ofRedgram is ruling below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and has requested the CentralGovernment to procure the same under Price Support Scheme (PSS).Since, the price of Redgram was ruling below the MSP, Nafed has already commenced procurementoperations under PSS in different mandies of Andhra Pradesh and about 100 MTs of Redgram have already been procured. Further procurement is in progress.